

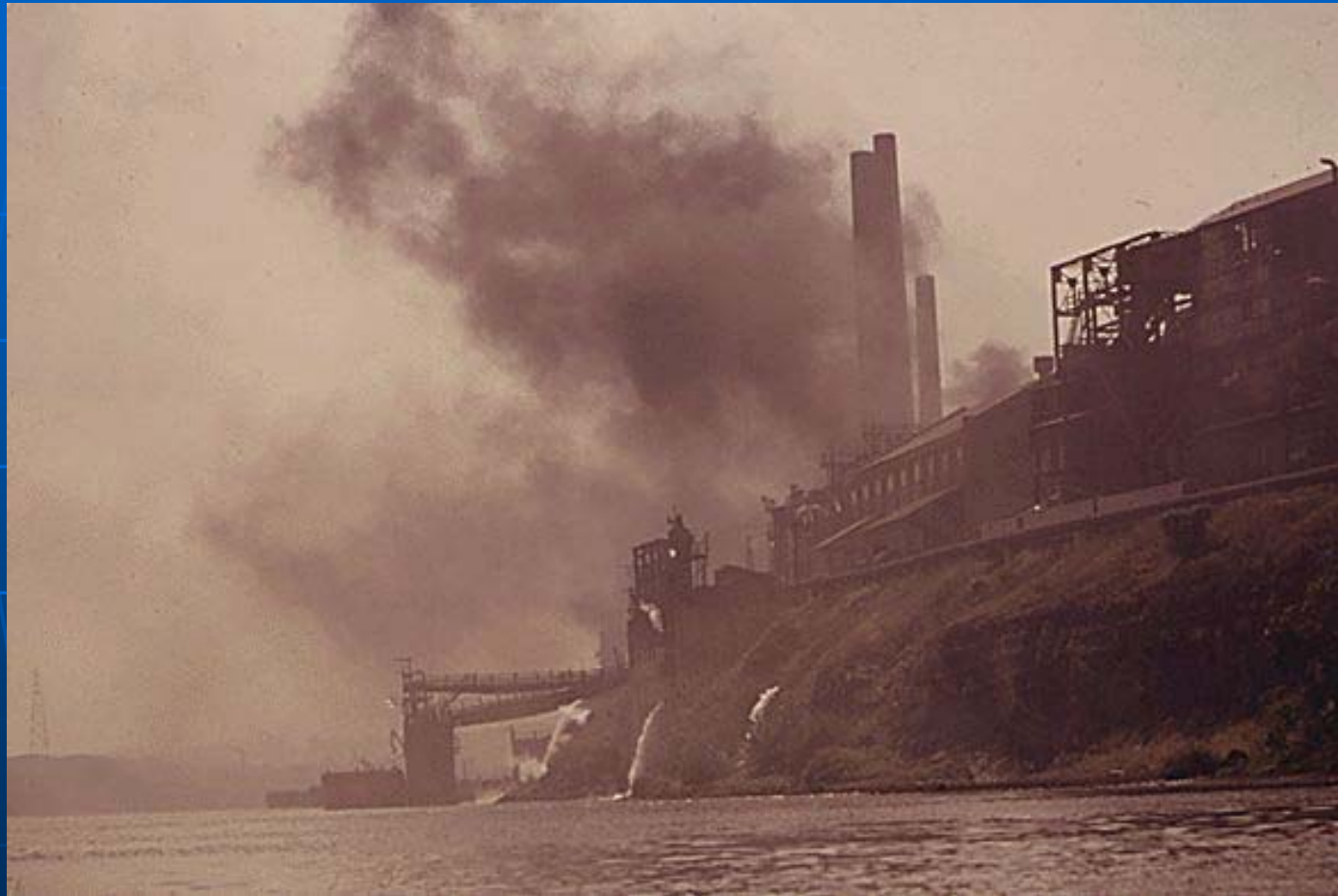
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The Federal Role: Parents to Patrons to
Partners

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Aliquippa, PA: September, 1973



Sonora, CA: May, 1972



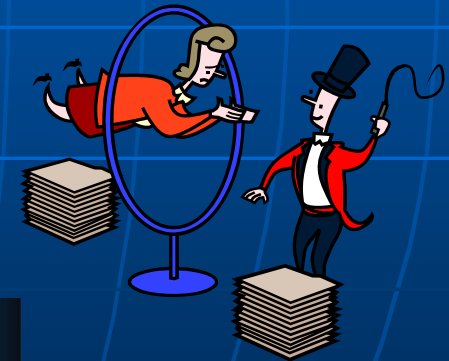
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The Evolutionary Process



Evolving into a partner. . .

- We remain at our core, an environmental regulatory agency (CAA, CWA, RCRA, etc)
- Our historical focus: “command and control”
- “Form follows function” – single media laws created silos
- Our culture makes holistic approaches difficult



What Americans need to believe in order to take climate change seriously and support strong action

- It's happening
- We caused it
- We're sure of it
- It will be bad for us
- We can solve it



Wisdom from a favorite philosopher. . .

“The future isn't what it used to be.”

“95% of this game is half mental”



Yogi Berra

We Are All Connected

“When one tugs at a single thing in Nature, one finds it is attached to the rest of the world”. John Muir

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